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A Note From Pastor Andrew

I always say to myself, "what am I going to write about this week in the e-news." This week I believe it to be obvious. If you have not already, you will receive my letter in the next couple of days. As I said this was a very difficult decision, but ultimately it is the one, I had to make for my family and myself. The roller coaster of emotions, on both sides, is hard to navigate, but I want to remind you there is hope. Perhaps, there may even be a greater freedom found in the search and claiming of hope.

In the days, weeks, months ahead it is imperative that everyone pulls together, setting aside any differences, and ask where do we want to see CTK go? I know it can sound repetitive, but there must be a return to the basic questions. Why are "we" as a church, here? What is our purpose in serving this community, inside and outside the doors, so we are making a difference in the name of Christ? How can we pull together as the one body to focus on mission and the future? Why are you, yourself, a part of this congregation? Where CTK finds itself currently is not about publicity, or lack of youth, or absence of programs. It is about Christ! It is about living out the mission of Christ! The future of the Church is Christ!

We can argue that the reason we are not meeting expenses every month is that we do not have enough people in the seats, and where this may hold some truth, honestly not much, the real truth is perhaps our hearts aren't focused on what Christ has called us to. In both Luke and Matthew Jesus speaks words of truth. Gospel Truth!

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt 6:21, Luke 12:34)

I ask you, where is your heart? What are you treasuring when you consider God IS in the mix, or treasuring in your worship community, or the community at large? Is CTK a priority for you? For that matter is the work CTK does, or could be doing, a priority for you? Are you being the steward God calls us all to be? Just imagine if perhaps you are the untapped resource God's Church has been looking for, all that needs to be done is for you to present yourself.

There is hope for the future, but now is the time to pull together in the name of the Lord and find the way to move forward as one, centered on the One. My prayers are with us now and into the next chapter.

Matthew 9:37-38 Then he (Jesus) said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Humbled to have served,

Pastor Andrew

Announcements

River of Hope

River of Hope worship is every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

We will have Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. for all youth. Please join us!!! Last day of Sunday school for the summer is June 5. We still need teachers for May 29 and June 5. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 5 we will have a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, June 12, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. (or immediately following adult Bible Study). We meet the third Sunday of every month (this month we will meet the second Sunday). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us the first Sunday of every month for a free breakfast. Our next breakfast is this Sunday, June 5 at 8:45 a.m.! This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

CTK Council

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith, Pastor Andrew (*Not on Church Council)

Water Bottle Collection for Flint

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

New Project for May

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For the month of May we will be collecting feminine products for the Personal Needs Pantry at Trinity Methodist Church. Please bring items to CTK. Thank you!

Baby Bottles

It is that time again, grab a baby bottle on your way out of church and fill it with your loose change. All money goes to the Lapeer Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday from 11:30 –12:30 Pastor Andrew opens the sanctuary for a time of prayer. All are welcome to stop by anytime in-between and take as long as needed to find a place to re-center with God. The current format uses meditative music and a closing communal prayer. However, the time is flexible and open to nurture the needs of God's people (format can change). If possible stop by and take time for God in the middle of your week. You won't be sorry.

Loons Game

Mark your calendars for August 14- we will go to the Loons game in Midland. Cost is \$9 per person, kids 12 and under get free hotdog, chips and drink, we will carpool from CTK. Game starts at 2 pm. Please sign up on bulletin board ASAP so we know how many tickets to reserve.

Mexican Potluck

Please join us this Saturday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. for our annual Mexican potluck. Invite family and friends. Please bring a dish to share.

Father's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 19 we will have a brunch immediately following worship. Please bring a dish to share! Everyone is welcome!!

CTK Spirit-wear Fundraiser

We are ordering CTK Spirit-wear again. T-shirts, polos, hoodies, sweatshirts! This is a fundraiser for CTK. See the flier on the bulletin board for pricing and colors. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together; our next meeting is June 2 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on June 12 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Worship Team

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 26 at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet at Linda Hash's house on May 16 at 1:00 pm.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

We will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is Monday, June 6.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a

meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Anyone is welcome, if you have never been before, come and see what is happening!! Our next meeting is June 14, please bring a dish to share!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 19

6:30 pm River of Hope

Saturday, May 21

5:30 pm Mexican Potluck

Sunday, May 22

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, May 25

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, May 26

5:45 pm Worship Team meeting

6:30 pm River of Hope

Sunday, May 29

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

Wednesday, June 1

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, June 2

6:30 pm River of Hope

7:15 pm Marketing & Publicity/Outreach Team meeting

Sunday, June 5

8:45 am Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study